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On July 10 we delivered reftel points to MFA Middle East Section Deputy Director General Jorn Gjelstad and MFA Deputy Director General for Global Security and Bilateral Relations Leif Larsen. Both Gjelstad and Larsen will carefully review the points concerning funding the Fully Armored Vehicles (FAVS). Gjelstad was not optimistic, however, that the GON would be able to contribute. He noted that last years' One Million USD Norwegian contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) was difficult, given that Norway has stringent regulations concerning the government funding measures which have some military components. Gjelstad recalled that last year's MFO contribution, though ultimately successful as a funding initiative from the International Development budget, was a complicated process which required special Parliamentary approval. Whitney